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SUBJECT: AMERICAN GEAR AND PINION

1. DEPARTMENT HAS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM AMERICAN GEAR AND PINION CORPORATION (AGP) EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION (MC-66207) FOR ARTICLES ON U. S. MUNITIONS LIST DESCRIBED THERE- IN AS FMU 7B/B PRACTICE ELECTRICAL INERT BOMB FUZES; FMU 7C/B BOMB FUZES INITIATOR; FMU 7B/B CABLE ASSEMBLY; AND BODY. TOTAL VALUE OF THESE ITEMS IS APPROXIMATELY \$7 MILLION.

2. IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION, AGP SUBMITTED END USE CERTIFICATE PREPARED ON AUGUST 16 BY MINISTRY OF WAR, UNCLASSIFIED

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MILITARY INDUSTRIES ORGANIZATION, AND SIGNED BY GENERAL H. TOUFANIAN. THIS DOCUMENT CERTIFIES ARTICLES TO BE PURCHASED FROM AGP AS PRACTICE BOMB FUZE COMPONENTS SOLELY FOR USE IN IRAN AND WILL NOT BE REEXPORTED. AGP ALSO SUBMITTED COPY OF PURCHASE ORDER FOR ABOVE ARTICLES SIGNED BY GENERAL TOUFANIAN.

3. PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION, AGP ASKED DOD TO REVIEW DRAWINGS OF ARTICLES NOW CONTAINED IN MC-66207. DOD REPLY, IN PART, IS AS FOLLOWS "THESE DRAWINGS MAKE CLEAR THAT THIS FUZE IN ITS PRESENT INERT FORM CAN ONLY FUNCTION AS A TRAINING DEVICE TO SIMULATE AN ACTUAL WEAPON. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE TO MODIFY THIS INERT VERSION TO A FULLY CAPABLE LIVE FUZE ALTHOUGH SUCH A REWORK WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND, ACCORDING TO THE APPLICANT, NOT ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT 1) THIS FUZE IN ITS LIVE FORM WAS USED BY THE U. S. IN NAPALM BOMBS; 2) THE VENDOR CLAIMS TO HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO ITS ULTIMATE END USE, AND 3) AN INVESTMENT OF \$6.7 MILLION FOR FUZE SIMULATORS IS UNUSUAL, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDS THAT THIS LICENSE BE DENIED UNLESS AND UNTIL SOME POSITIVE ASSURANCE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOI THAT THE FUZES WILL NOT BE USED FOR NAPALM WEAPONS." FYI: AGP HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT IF COMPONENTS HAVE NO APPLICATION OTHER THAN NAPALM OR NAPALM RELATED OR IF GOI INTENDS TO USE THEM FOR NAPALM OR NAPALM RELATED PURPOSES, ANY APPLICATION WOULD BE DISAPPROVED. END FYI.

4. EMBASSY NOW REQUESTED ASCERTAIN ACTUAL USE IRANIANS INTEND FOR THESE ARTICLES, IF USE IS AS STATED, WE WOULD REQUIRE GOI ASSURANCES THAT THEY WILL NOT, AT SOME FUTURE TIME MODIFY OR BACK-ENGINEER THEM EITHER IN IRAN OR ABROAD INTO "FULLY CAPABLE LIVE FUZES." DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRE-
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CIATE EXPEDITIOUS REPLY WHICH SHOULD ALSO CONTAIN YOUR RECOMMENDATION AS TO DISPOSITION OF LICENSE REQUEST.
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